Purpose: This academic scholarship was founded, endowed, and named in honor of Robert “Bobby” A. Davis. It is for students enrolled in Buffalo State’s graduate program in Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs Administration. Bobby was drafted to serve his country and preserve freedom around the world right after high school graduation in 1960. First in the Chester County, PA area to be mortally wounded in Vietnam, Bobby became a decorated National American Hero with valor, after shielding his comrades from fire in the infamous 1965 battle of la Drang.

Scope: This academic scholarship is designed to offset educational expenses related to attendance at a national conference of higher education such as NASPA, ACPA or ASHE.

Eligibility: Applications are open to students who are currently enrolled with at least 6 and no more than 18 credits completed in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration Graduate Program at Buffalo State. The applicant must have maintained a 3.5 GPA at the time of application. Also, applications must be received by the application deadline of October 1.

Selection Criteria: Applications are reviewed by a national committee consisting of HEA alumni along with Davis family members. It also includes a Chair of the Board and one HEA faculty member as non-voting participants. The successful RAD scholar will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Quality of academic achievement and goals
- Statement of how the funds will be used for attendance at a national conference
- Evidence of volunteer and extracurricular service related activities beyond job related accomplishments
- Discussion of your proposed goals for work in the field of Higher Education or Student Affairs

Stipends: The Robert A. Davis Scholarship is endowed. The number of awards and the amount of stipends will vary each year based on available funds.

Instructions: Complete the attached application and submit hard copy with supporting material.

- Robert A. Davis Application
- 1000-word essay of eligibility
  - Volunteerism helps colleges and universities make good on their pledge to serve society, to benefit another person, social agency, charitable organization, or group, for no financial, social or political gain;
  - In your application, include one or two examples of how volunteerism helped to prepare you to become a more caring and responsible citizen. Discuss what you gained from offering your time, skills, energy, intelligence and commitment to address a human concern or issue.
- Buffalo State student transcript
- One (1) professional reference letter (letter of support) from an employer, faculty member, supervisor, etc. The letter of support must discuss the applicant's service to the profession beyond job related responsibilities. The reference letter must be submitted in a signed sealed envelope with the application packet.

Submission: Completed applications must be submitted no later than annual deadline of October 1.

Application packets are to be sent directly to:

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